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For: ENDOSCOPE WITH FLEXIBLE )  
LIGHT GUIDE HAVING OFFSET )  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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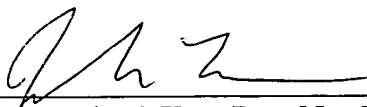
Sir:

A two-month extension of time is respectfully requested in which to respond to the Office Action Mailed December 2, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$205.00 (small entity) is enclosed to cover the applicable fee. Please charge any additional fees concerning this matter or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

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